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# Town Officers for 1898.

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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,

**S. H. RING**

**JOHN PURINTON**

**THOMAS HOLMES.**

Died in May.

**E. P. SPRINGER**

Elected in June.

Town Clerk,

**CHAS. A. METCALF**

Treasurer,

**CYRUS KINDRICK**

Collector,

**A. R. BUCKLIN**

Supervisor of Schools,

**MILES H. DUSTIN**

Town Agent,

**JOHN PURINTON**

## Report of Selectmen.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, herewith present their annual report for the municipal year ending February 28, 1899.

### VALUATION OF 1898.

Resident real estate.....		\$2,586 75
Non-resident real estate.....		309 45
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Total valuation of real estate.....		2,896 20
Resident personal estate.....	\$421 30	
Non-resident personal estate.....	10 75	432 05
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Total amount of property.....		3,328 25

Number of polls taxed, 267. Amount assessed on each poll, \$3.00.  
Assessed 17 mills on the dollar.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1898.

State tax for 1898.....	\$1,032 91
County tax for 1898.....	421 12
Incidental town expenses.....	1,000 00
For support of schools.....	1,200 00
School books.....	100 00
Support of poor.....	150 00
To pay interest on town debt.....	125 00
Roads and bridges.....	1,000 00
Memorial services.....	25 00
Snow bills for '97 to '98.....	1,200 00
Repairs on school houses.....	100 00
Fractional overlay.....	125 38
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	\$6,479 41

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ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURY FOR INCIDENTAL  
TOWN EXPENSES.

F. N. Adams, for services as Selectman, As- sessor and Overseer of the Poor from March 6, '97 to Feb. 19, '98.....	\$66 00
John Purinton, same service.....	49 50
Thomas Holmes, ".....	57 75
Miles H. Dustin, supervisor of schools.....	71 50
Chas. A. Metcalf, town clerk.....	12 00
Cyrus Kindrick, treasurer.....	21 50
Chas. A. Metcalf, auditor.....	2 00
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	\$280 25
 Miles H. Dustin, services from Feb. 16 to March 6.....	 \$11 30
Millard Jack, election clerk.....	2 00
C. A. Norcross, labor on highway, sum. '97.	2 25
J. Frank Pierce, books and stationery.....	10 60
A. E. Earle, snow bill '96 to '97.....	3 70
H. Buker, summer of '97.....	1 50
Cyrus Kindrick, expenses to Feb. 19, '98...	5 00
George Danforth, labor on highway '97.....	2 25
Asa P. Smith, plank 1894.....	3 15
John Purinton, plank and labor for sum. '97,	16 89
Wm. L. Powers, bal. as road com.....	9 21
Wm. L. Powers, collecting surveyors' books,	7 00
John Purinton, services, Feb. 19 to Mar. 6..	3 00
Chas. E. Nash, printing reports, '97 and '98,	44 00
W. F. Adams, care and running hearse.....	16 00
Samuel Williams, water tub '97.....	3 00
Levi Harriman, summer labor '97.....	2 40
A. S. Gowell, labor on road, 1897.....	1 12
A. E. Googins, " " " ".....	2 25
Joseph Goodwin, labor on road, 1897.....	4 50
F. N. Adams, services Feb. 18 to March 7..	3 00

F. N. Adams, money paid out and use of team while out town.....	22 21
H. J. Fickett, watering tub, 1897.....	3 00
B. C. Allen, labor on road, summer 1897....	1 50
B. C. Allen, labor on big bridge, 1897.....	1 05
B. C. Allen, mill bridge labor, 1897.....	1 12
J. W. Tucker, labor and material for bridges, 1897 .....	3 10
P. P. Perry, labor on road, 1898.....	2 75
E. Shorey, watering tub, May 1897 to May 1898 .....	3 00
Orrin A. True, inforing dog laws.....	10 25
A. C. Goodwin, labor on road, 1897.....	2 62
A. R. Bucklin, posting warrant for town meeting, June 6.....	3 00
O. A. True, posting warrant for March.....	3 00
Enoch Adams, 260 cow pox points.....	13 00
W. F. Adams, care and running hearse.....	4 00
Wm. Bubier, labor on roads, 1896.....	6 16
A. R. Bucklin, posting warrant for state election and attending same.....	5 00
C. T. Frost, watering tub, 1896 and '97.....	6 00
A. R. Bucklin, commission, taxes, 1895.....	2 18
A. R. Bucklin, " " 1896.....	78 87
J. A. Huntington, watering tub, 1898.....	3 00
Wm. F. Adams, care and running hearse....	12 00
E. M. Lapham, labor on roads, summer 1897.	3 30
Jordan and McDonald, cutting bushes on highway.....	13 20
Warren Jordan and son, labor on highway..	1 50
Henry Taylor, services as election clerk....	2 00
Wm. H. Waldron, services as e'ection clerk.	2 00
A. R. Bucklin, abatement on 1896 taxes....	9 00
" " " " 1895 " ....	4 38
" " taxes on res. real estate sold..	171 43
" " taxes, non-res. real estate sold.	36 69
J. W. Earle, services as ballot clerk.....	2 00

E. N. Pinkham, services as ballot clerk.....	2 00
Thomas Holmes, services as selectman to May.	12 75
Enoch Adams, services on local board of health, 1898.....	3 00
I. W. Gilbert, services on local board of health, 1898.....	1 50
Gardiner Roberts, Jr., services on local board of health, 1898.....	4 35
Cyrus Kindrick, vaccinating one hundred persons .....	25 00
Enoch Adams, vaccinating fifty-eight persons.	14 50
I. W. Gilbert, vaccinating sixty-eight persons.	17 00
E. E. Ring, painting, lettering guide boards..	2 00
Perley P. Perry, shovelling snow.....	1 91
I. W. Gilbert, certificates of births and deaths .....	2 50
M. W. Adams, watering tub, 1896-'97-'98...	9 00
John Purinton, surveying road around Lunt hill.....	2 50
James Ridley, shovelling snow, 1898, 1899..	3 42
W. F. Adams, care and running hearse.....	8 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, paper and tax deed blanks.....	4 60
A. R. Bucklin, abatement order for 1897 tax.	52 24
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	\$1,032 95

#### RESOURCES FOR INCIDENTAL TOWN EXPENSES.

Amount raised by town.....	\$1,000 00
Received of Thomas Rand, auction sales....	2 00
State R. R. and Tel. tax.....	41 33
Peddler's license, Chas. Greene..	6 00
State dog license '97.....	73 39
Overlay on tax.....	125 38
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Total amount of resources.....	1,248 10
Paid on incidental orders.....	1,032 95
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Balance in favor of town.....	\$215 15

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TOWN FARM.

The town farm was let to F. E. Lane for one year from April 1st, 1898, he to board and care for Sanford Goodwin.

## TOWN POOR.

Orders drawn on the Treasurer for Support of Poor :

F. E. Lane, exp. on town farm '97.....		\$25 00
F. E. Lane, exp. on town farm '97.....		73 77
Thomas Holmes, car fare & exp. A. Getchell,		10 00
Paulina Parker, care & sup. Mary Goodwin,		25 00
L. F. Dunn, supplies for town farm.....		23 53
Town Brunswick, sup. Chas. Wesley Groves,		17 89
H. A. Teague & Co., burial Mary Goodwin,		25 00
Eva Parker, care & board Mary Goodwin...		16 00
Geo. A. Bosworth, casket and robe for San-		
ford Goodwin.....		15 00
I. W. Gilbert, visit to Sanford Goodwin....		1 50
I. V. Mayo, att. funeral Sanford Goodwin..		2 00
S. H. Ring, care and feeding tramps.....		1 00
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Amount expended.....		235 69
Amount raised by town.....	\$150 00	
Amount raised of Ernest F. Small.....	31 21	181 21
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Amount overdrawn.....		54 48

## TOWN IN ACCOUNT WITH BERTHA M. JORDAN.

Gardiner Roberts, Jr., acting as Guardian.

Bertha M. Jordan to J. I. Varney, Dr.	
To 52 weeks board at \$2 per week.....	\$104 00

Paid by Gardiner Roberts, Jr., as Guardian :

State pension money.....	\$72 00
Paid by town orders.....	32 00
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	\$104 00

### SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid for sheep killed by dogs.....		\$35 00
Received of State treasurer for sheep killed by dogs for '97.....	\$15 00	
The same for 1898.....	35 00	
		<u>50 00</u>

## Road Commissioner's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

Your road commissioner submits to you the following report of money expended by him for repairs on roads and bridges for the year 1898, exclusive of snow bills.

G. W. Howard, labor on highway.....	\$25 00
D. N. Fogg, lumber.....	10 97
William Powers, labor on highway,.....	8 40
J. Purinton, lumber.....	12 00
W. T. Woodbury, lumber.....	29 45
F. M. Babcock, ".....	1 20
Thurston A. Gilman, labor on highway....	15 37
W. H. Allen, " ".....	30 00
F. D. Gilman, " ".....	145 00
C. W. Goodwin, labor and material for two road scrapers.....	13 00
C. W. Goodwin, labor on highway.....	30 00
W. H. Allen, " ".....	32 00
F. D. Gilman, labor with team.....	110 00
C. W. Goodwin, labor on highway with team,	54 00
Fred Goodwin, plank.....	2 73
G. W. Howard, labor on highway.....	35 00



John Parinton, plank and labor.....	6 70	
Irving Cram, labor on highway.....	3 00	
P. P. Perry, " ".....	3 75	
Harry Deajoy, " ".....	3 00	
John Parinton, plank.....	9 76	
A. Gowell, lumber.....	8 25	
A. D. Bartlett, labor and lumber.....	36 84	
G. W. Howard, labor on highway.....	27 00	
John Parinton, plank.....	4 35	
F. D. Gilman, labor with team.....	130 00	
Richard Norris, repairs on road machine and mending chains.....	4 67	
W. A. Allen, labor on highway.....	45 99	
G. W. Howard, " ".....	18 24	
A. D. Bartlett, labor and lumber.....	12 69	
B. C. Allen, labor on highway.....	19 49	
Irving Cram.....	1 50	
Oscar Blanchard, labor on highway.....	1 50	
J. Goodwin, labor and lumber.....	24 87	
E. E. Baker, labor on highway.....	9 37	
E. Gray, " ".....	1 50	
W. Cunningham, " ".....	1 50	
C. H. Waldron.....	28 31	
R. Norris, bolts and repairs on Oxford bridge,	3 21	
J. G. Robie, lumber.....	2 0	
F. D. Gilman, labor on highway and team..	47 48	
R. Hawks, plank.....	6 65	
L. F. Dunn, tools, nails, spikes, oil, bolts....	7 21	
G. E. Ricker, labor and lumber.....	9 84	
Gust Neale, labor on highway.....	5 25	
F. D. Gilman, " ".....	6 00	
W. L. Polley, plank and labor on highway..	7 77	
One road machine plate.....	8 00	
Total amount expended.....		\$1,059 81
Money appropriated by town.....		1,000 00
Overdrawn.....		\$59 81
F. D. GILMAN, Commissioner.		
Amount of orders drawn on the road and bridge account.....	\$1,033 67	
Amount of bills not paid.....	26 14	
		\$1,059 81

### SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Orders drawn on the Treasury for School House repairs :

L. F. Dunn, repair school houses '95.....	\$5 34
F. W. Libby, repair brick school house.....	9 30
L. F. Dunn, repair school houses.....	10 85
M. H. Dustin, repair Steventown house....	8 50
Dingley & Decker, repair school houses....	60
Vannah Co., paint and brushes.....	10 00
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	44 09

Amount raised by town..... \$100 00

Total amount expended..... 44 09

Amount undrawn..... 

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 55 91

### ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURY FOR SNOW BILLS OF THE WINTER 1897-1898.

A. J. Taylor.....	\$3 68
Edward Ridley.....	4 87
Walter Ridley.....	12 32
George E. Ricker.....	12 52
Alfrado Bubier.....	11 62
S. T. Clark.....	1 50
Pearson Preble.....	1 72
J. D. Powers.....	1 57
Melvin Powers.....	1 05
J. F. Dunham.....	4 95
J. F. Morrell.....	11 92
J. L. Libby.....	18 27
Josiah Morrell.....	6 42
Horace Gulpatric.....	7 00
H. W. Maxwell.....	16 00
G. H. Dingley.....	12 52
E. W. Metcalf.....	3 30
H. M. Hunkins.....	5 77

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A. S. Gowell.....	16 42
W. C. Bowley.....	16 05
Geo. W. Newell.....	12 39
Charles Newell.....	2 32
W. A. Gowell.....	1 32
Lapham & Packard.....	17 07
I. F. Lapham.....	3 19
Wm. F. Haines.....	13 85
A. M. Patterson.....	9 50
Mewellyn Blanchard.....	9 17
F. J. Toothaker.....	4 10
Thomas Webber & Son.....	15 00
H. N. Jordan.....	13 50
James Bowie.....	8 20
C. Dailey.....	5 85
Urial Atwood.....	4 80
F. Alexander.....	1 05
R. W. Cunningham.....	6 30
W. E. Cunningham.....	14 25
Wm. M. Cunningham.....	9 35
A. C. True.....	7 73
E. P. True.....	9 14
F. E. Lane.....	8 86
J. A. Huntington.....	12 35
F. O. Sylvester.....	9 72
George A. Danforth.....	13 93
Frank Danforth.....	11 91
Ensign Danforth.....	12 22
W. V. Danforth.....	6 65
W. R. Marston.....	6 43
Marshall Libby.....	3 13
George Dearborn.....	2 60
S. Dearborn.....	1 75
F. E. Mitchell.....	7 50
Wm. L. Powers.....	75
D. N. Fogg.....	7 77
F. D. Fogg.....	3 30

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Geo. W. Edgecomb.....	5 47
J. E. Edgecomb.....	4 57
C. Fogg.....	1 20
Samuel Williams.....	6 25
M. B. Hutchins.....	4 41
Emery Metcalf.....	6 87
F. W. Libby.....	19 80
E. P. Springer.....	19 10
F. W. Jordan.....	3 00
Warren S. Jordan.....	3 00
Levi Harriman & Sons.....	23 25
F. T. Harriman.....	8 70
Geo. E. Spaulding.....	8 95
F. C. Weston.....	10 67
E. W. Getchell.....	5 10
Rob't Booker.....	3 75
J. H. Weston.....	6 90
Josiah Small.....	11 15
Fred Babcock.....	21 95
F. N. Adams.....	9 06
Joseph Goodwin.....	10 56
Irving Cram.....	2 40
Percy Cram.....	2 40
David T. Cram.....	1 20
Elias Plimpton.....	1 50
Asa Getchell.....	45
Richard Norris.....	2 48
Fred E. Baker.....	1 20
Edward T. Gray.....	3 15
Levi C. Gray.....	1 50
Joseph Meader.....	60
F. D. Gilman.....	19 00
E. L. Campbell.....	20 42
J. E. Chase.....	11 77
J. W. Earle.....	3 22
Charles Peva.....	2 77
E. N. Baker.....	97

Charles Campbell.....	2 47
Emery Lavery.....	1 72
Levi Danforth.....	1 72
Nelson Danforth.....	1 35
Henry Taylor.....	1 72
W. H. Waldron.....	11 74
Arthur Waldron.....	4 20
C. H. Webber.....	7 98
P. Keys.....	3 90
W. W. Keys.....	60
H. C. Allard.....	2 95
S. H. Ring.....	7 72
E. E. Ring.....	2 73
A. J. Elliott.....	3 90
George Hamlin.....	9 90
A. J. Newell.....	4 95
M. C. Rose.....	6 15
Augustus Neal.....	3 45
W. T. Woodbury.....	12 17
A. Douglass.....	17 90
R. G. Allen.....	2 40
Arthur Neal.....	60
G. R. Wingate.....	4 80
Eben Morrell.....	16 40
H. Rose.....	7 87
A. Powers.....	4 87
W. H. Dustin.....	7 12
C. T. Frost.....	6 42
W. F. Merriman.....	18 88
J. C. Tufford.....	16 85
George F. Chick.....	8 00
Chas. S. Ring.....	1 00
F. C. Browne.....	2 70
Mrs. D. Stockham.....	10 10
Josiah Jones.....	3 15
F. E. Goodwin.....	6 60
Edward Ricker.....	3 00

Geo. N. Thurlow.....	9 97
D. I. Larrabee.....	6 32
J. B. Stevens.....	12 65
F. T. Bailey.....	9 65
Fred A. Edgecomb.....	15 00
Augustus Gowell.....	6 35
A. C. Goodwin.....	23
W. V. Towns.....	23
Geo. W. Harward.....	1 05
C. G. Hamlin.....	75
C. W. Goodwin.....	8 05
E. E. Danforth.....	22 20
E. L. McDonald.....	13 72
Fred Gayton.....	53
Isaac McDonald.....	4 28
Charles Campbell.....	3 30
W. R. Godfrey.....	30 45
Fred Danforth.....	4 80
Samuel Danforth.....	2 55
Frank Danforth.....	3 00
Isaac Gayton.....	1 60
William Polly.....	3 97
J. I. Varney.....	17 63
J. A. Chase.....	7 21
W. H. Varney.....	2 50
C. Y. Powers.....	3 53
H. Y. Wright.....	4 11
A. E. Earle.....	3 45
E. Shorey.....	3 04
W. E. Hatten.....	1 80
A. R. Bucklin.....	3 00
W. H. Potter.....	4 20
Walter Varner.....	5 11
Gardiner Roberts, Jr.....	1 05
David Wright.....	3 66
Josiah Merrill.....	43
W. Otis & Son.....	19 14

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A. E. Googins.....	10 89
S. P. Roberts.....	1 91
H. W. Buker.....	14 81
C. F. Bubier.....	13 64
W. W. Stewart.....	4 03
Andrew Bubier.....	6 11
D. T. Smith.....	2 55
A. P. Smith.....	2 10
Charles Larrabee.....	1 95
W. H. Allen.....	8 90
A. J. Tozier.....	5 73
F. H. Nixon.....	3 00
F. Blaisdell.....	4 97
J. F. Foss.....	2 18
D. B. Allen, Jr.....	3 00
D. B. Allen.....	8 45
R. S. Maxwell.....	16 28
C. A. Norcross.....	7 89
E. Dow & Son.....	21 00
John Purinton.....	13 48
Millard Jack.....	4 50
Everett L. Allen.....	12 84
O. M. Hatch.....	7 59
Elmer Purinton.....	11 55
M. W. Adams.....	13 80
L. U. Adams.....	2 75
Wilbur Tarr.....	4 93
Wilbert Metcalf.....	2 25
Abial L. Small.....	11 07
George M. Rogers.....	90
W. G. Randall.....	3 42
H. P. King.....	2 86
L. E. Dennison.....	1 69
Charles T. Hall.....	10 73
G. D. Sloman.....	1 09
William Springer.....	62
William F. Knight.....	30

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Walter C. Knight.....	6 38
Miles H. Dustin.....	2 40
William Knight.....	3 98
Sidney Knight.....	30
J. E. Jack.....	12 55
W. W. Douglass.....	2 85
Sidney L. Buker.....	15 95
Eli M. Douglass.....	6 30
Edgar S. Briry.....	16 80
H. S. Paine.....	4 00
E. N. Pinkham.....	12 79
Nathan True.....	7 64
Merrill True.....	5 05
E. M. True.....	90
Jesse T. True.....	90
A. B. Barrett.....	4 20
B. W. Burg & Son.....	11 83
M. J. Shepard.....	60
T. S. Colby.....	1 72
Enoch Merrill.....	5 75
W. R. Buker.....	2 70
Aaron Peacock.....	5 90
Frank Peacock.....	4 50
Everett Wiles.....	3 03
Melvin Tibbetts.....	9 15
Effie Small.....	6 27
B. L. Merrill.....	60
Timothy Tibbetts.....	90
C. M. Tibbetts.....	1 88
George W. Newell.....	3 20
Joseph Welch.....	1 43
B. W. Ridley.....	1 20
Daniel Adams.....	2 25
Wm. F. Adams.....	4 35
H. F. Woodard.....	13 50
H. F. Woodard.....	2 25
E. Bosworth.....	2 47



D. H. Potter.....	75
E. Fish.....	60
A. C. Ashford.....	8 20
R. S. Niles.....	2 25
R. S. Niles.....	3 00
J. A. Taylor.....	2 25
J. A. Taylor.....	1 13
Roscoe Bosworth.....	45
C. E. Maloon.....	8 00
Norman Higgins.....	2 40
J. J. Perry.....	1 95
G. A. Bosworth.....	75
G. A. Bosworth.....	2 55
F. J. Toothaker.....	1 00
H. M. Hunkins.....	1 80
G. D. Sloman.....	1 61
G. H. Palmer.....	6 32
H. M. Starbird.....	7 07
Hiram True.....	6 44
Lewis P. True.....	2 10
W. H. Merchant.....	3 74
John N. Tucker.....	12 02
Charles A. Metcalf.....	9 83
William Springer.....	5 66
W. A. Gowell.....	1 75
B. C. Allen.....	1 20
H. H. Thurlow.....	3 75
P. P. Perry.....	3 75
Winfield Bubier.....	3 82
William Bubier.....	9 91
Charles Higgins.....	1 12
George Witham.....	6 82

Total snow bills.....		\$1,743 84
Amount raised by town.....	\$1,200 00	
Money hired to pay snow bills.....	500 00	
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		1,700 00
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Amount overdrawn.....		\$43 84

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Orders drawn on the Treasury for School Books :

D. K. Knowlton, school supplies.....	\$7 02
Houghton & Mifflin, books.....	2 38
Edward Babb & Co., " .....	3 80
American Book Co., " .....	27 02
American Humane Ed. Society, books.....	1 00
Edward Babb & Co, bal. on books.....	1 60
Rand McNally & Co., bal. on books.....	59 50

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\$102 32

Amount raised by town for school books.... \$100 00

Amount raised by sale of old books..... 2 75

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Total resources..... 102 75

Amount paid by town orders..... 102 32

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Balance in favor of town..... 43

## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Amount raised by town..... \$25 00

Amount paid by town orders..... 25 00

## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Amount raised by town..... \$125 00

Amount paid by town orders..... 114 60

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Amount not drawn..... 10 40

## SCHOOLS.

Balance on book Feb. 19, '98..... \$247 93

Error in bal..... 51 66

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True balance Feb. 19, '98..... \$196 27

Amount raised by town.....	1,200 00
Allowed on order No. 40.....	5 00
Received of Town of Wales.....	7 25
Received of State school and mill tax.....	746 80
Total amount of resources for schools.....	2,155 32
Paid out for schools.....	2,011 41
Balance to be carried forward.....	\$143 91

### RECAPITULATION.

#### RESOURCES OF TOWN EXPENSES, EXCLUSIVE OF SCHOOLS.

Balance on selectman's book Feb 19, 1898..	\$3,798 07
Amount committed to collector, May 26, '98,	5,279 41
" of Chas. Green peddler's license....	6 00
" of State, R. R. & Tel. tax.....	41 33
" " on dog licenses.....	73 39
" " for sheep killed by dogs....	50 00
" " Thomas Rand, auction per-	
mit .....	2 00
Amount money hired to pay snow bills.....	500 00
" for books sold.....	2 75
" received of Ernest T. Small.....	31 21
" " on tax deeds.....	17 63

To amount of resources.....	\$9,801 79
Paid out for incidentals.....	\$1,032 95
support of poor.....	235 69
on account with Bertha M. Jordan....	32 00
sheep killed by dogs.....	35 00
road and bridges.....	1,033 67
school house repairs.....	44 09
snow bills.....	1,743 84
school books.....	102 32
memorial services.....	25 00

interest on town debt.....	114 60	
Take out state tax.....	1,032 91	
Take out county tax.....	421 72	\$5,853 19
Balance on selectmen's book Feb. 21, 1899..		\$3,948 60

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. RING,	} Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor of Litchfield.
JOHN PURINTON,	
E. P. SPRINGER.	

## Report of Treasurer.

The following report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 20th, 1899, also a statement of the town debt and the amount due from the collector February 19th, 1899.

Cash in treasury Feb. 19, '98.....	\$140 99
Received from A. R. Bucklin, col. '95.....	11 06
"      "      "      '96.....	132 53
"      "      "      '97.....	4,783 95
"      "      "      '98.....	1,386 31
Refunded dog licenses for '97.....	73 39
R. R. and Tel. tax.....	41 33
For sheep killed by dogs.....	50 00
Chas. Green, peddler's license.....	6 00
Town clerk, dog licenses '98.....	90 00
Mrs. Ellen Danforth, tax deed '96..	9 63
Heirs of Jonathan Cole, tax deed..	8 00
Cash, State treas., school fund.....	681 02
Tuition, town of Wales '97.....	7 25
Old books sold.....	2 75
Auction license, Thos. B. Rand....	2 00
Discount town order.....	5 00
Cash, Ernest T. Small.....	31 21
From selectmen, hired money.....	500 00
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	\$7,962 42

## Paid out :

Support of schools.....	\$1,301 37
Incidental town expenses.....	980 45
Support of poor.....	266 19
Sheep killed by dogs.....	39 00
Roads and bridges.....	989 99
Repairs on school houses.....	44 09
Snow bills.....	1,730 04
Memorial services.....	25 00
School books.....	15 80
Interest on town debt.....	114 60
Printing town histories.....	232 00
Balance on State tax '97.....	800 33
Dog licenses refunded, State tax '98.....	73 39
Cash on State tax.....	160 00
Cash on county tax.....	421 12
State treas., dog licenses '98.....	90 00
Old orders.....	529 47
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	7,812 84
To cash in treasury Feb. 20, '99.....	149 58
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	\$7,962 42

## STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Due from A. R. Bucklin, col. '97.....	\$88 53
"      "      "      '98.....	5,093 10
Due from State treas., school fund.....	746 80
Cash in treasury Feb. 20, '99.....	149 58
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	6,078 01
Outstanding notes and int.....	\$3,444 98
Due on State tax for '98.....	800 52
Balance in favor of town.....	1,832 51
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	6,078 01

CYRUS KINDRICK, Treasurer.

Litchfield, February 20, 1899.

## Auditor's Report.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield:

Your Auditor having made a careful examination of the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the municipal year ending Feb. 20, 1899, presents the following report:

The Selectmen's accounts show that for all orders drawn on the Treasurer, they have itemized bills on file and all orders paid by the Treasurer are correctly charged on his books, and the books are kept in a neat and business-like manner, are correctly balanced and agree

The Treasurer's book shows that he had—

Cash on hand, Feb. 19, 1898.....	\$140 99
Received during the year.....	7,821 43
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Amount received.....	\$7,962 42
Has paid out during the year.....	7,812 84
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Leaving cash in treasury, Feb. 20, 1899.....	\$140 58

I have also examined and allowed the the several town officers' bills to February 20, 1899, as follows:

S. H. Ring, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	\$76 21
John Purinton for same service.....	71 25
E. P. Springer for same services.....	39 00
M. H. Dustin as Supervisor of schools from Feb. 18, 1898 to March 7, 1898.....	10 00
M. H. Dustin's bill as Supervisor of schools from March 7, 1898 to Feb. 18, 1899...	63 50
Cyrus Kindrick, Town Treasurer.....	21 50
C. H. Metcalf, Town Clerk.....	11 90
F. W. Lihby, services on school board.....	6 50
E. N. Baker, services on school board.....	11 25
E. P. Springer, Auditor.....	2 00

E. P. SPRINGER, Auditor.

Litchfield, Feb. 21, 1899.

## Report of Schools.

### TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

As required by law your Superintendent herewith brings before you the annual report of the progress and condition of our schools, together with statistics and such other matter as may be of interest.

#### RESOURCES.

Balance unexpended Feb. 19, '98.....	\$22 11
Amount raised by town.....	1,200 00
School fund and mill tax.....	746 80
Received from H. Taylor, tuition from Bowdoin, '95.....	3 00
Received discount on charts.....	5 00
Total .....	1,976 91

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for spring schools.....	\$423 00
Fall schools.....	419 00
Winter schools.....	590 25
Conveyance of pupils during year.....	269 00
Tuition to Wales.....	7 25
Fuel.....	69 63
Janitors' services.....	20 30
Supplies .....	79 30
	1,877 73
Balance unexpended.....	99 18

As some schools are still in session we have not been able to get in all bills. We owe a bill of about \$12 to W. Gardiner for tuition, two small bills for wood, and there may be some incidental expenses in the schools still in session. We think the sum of all bills not yet presented will be less than \$20.

## School Statistics.

### SPRING TERM

Name of Schools.	Name of Teachers.	No. of pupils registered	Average number	Length of term in weeks	Wages	No of schools taught before	No. of visits by citizens
Corner.	Cora E. True.	19	17½	9	\$6.00	19	10
Waterman.	Roscoe S. Bosworth.	22	20	9	6.00	16	9
Grant.	Lettie P. Alexander.	12	11	9	5.50	8	9
South.	Neva M. Hall.	18	17	9	6.00	17	9
Steventown.	Edith M. Small.	21	19½	9	5.50	1	5
Mills.	Abbie L. Merriman.	21	20½	9	6.00	2	33
Brick.	M. H. Dustin.	30	28	9	6.00	20	9
Farrin.	Sara L. Hutchinson.	24	21	9	6.00	5	10

### FALL TERM

Corner.	Cora E. True.	20	16	9	\$6.25	20	10
Waterman.	Roscoe S. Bosworth.	17	14	9	6.25	17	13
Grant.	Lettie P. Alexander.	6	4½	*8	5.75	9	4
South.	Neva M. Hall.	28	23	9	6.25	18	6
Steventown.	Edith M. Small.	24	20	9	5.75	2	6
Mills.	G. M. Rogers.	18	16	9	6.25	13	10
Brick.	M. H. Dustin.	19	17	9	6.25	21	8
Farrin.	Sara L. Hutchinson.	24	18	9	6.25	6	5

### WINTER TERM

Corner.	Cora E. True.	15	—	12	6.75	21	32
Waterman.	Roscoe S. Bosworth.	18	14	12	6.75	18	14
South.	Neva M. Hall.	33	26	13	7.00	19	—
Steventown.	**Edith M. Small } Nellie M. Ham. }	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mills.	G. M. Rogers.	14	11	—	6.75	14	10
Brick.	M. H. Dustin.	24	20	12	6.75	22	27
Farrin.	Sara L. Hutchinson.	18	16	12	6.75	7	8

\* Closed on account of sickness.

\*\* Closed on account of sickness of Miss Small. Latter half of term still in session.



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NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT ONE HALF DAY.

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Corner school. Spring term: Amy Taylor, Perley Campbell, Alvin Fogg, Maxey Kindrick, Lawrence Knight, Perley Morrell, Katie Benson, Edith Campbell, Percy Earle, Onslow Campbell, Walter Knight. Fall term: Amy Taylor, Perley Campbell, Alvin Fogg, Maxey Kindrick, Lawrence Knight. Winter term still in session.

Waterman school. Spring term: Gertrude M. Maxwell, Gertrude M. Allard, Alice E. Wyman, Nellie M. Powers, Mabel E. Alexander, Milton E. Webber, Harry G. Allard. Fall term: Gertrude M. Allard, Gertrude M. Maxwell, Harry G. Allard. Winter term: \*Gertrude M. Allard.

Grant school. Spring term: Edith M. Otis, Ethel M. Hamlin, Merton Barrett, Ralph Hamlin, Ray Hamlin. Fall term: Merton Barrett.

South school. Spring term: Mabel Lane, Mildred Tucker, Mabel Tucker, Mary Palmer, Jessie Smith, Sallie True, Elmer Tucker, Richard Tucker, Fred Tucker. Fall term: Maudie Lane, Mabel Tucker, Mildred Tucker, Richard Tucker, Elmer Tucker, Fred Tucker, Walter E. Lane. Winter term: \*Mabel Tucker, \*Mildred Tucker, \*Richard Tucker, Chester Hutchinson.

Steventown school. Spring term: Ethel A. Small, Georgia E. Gowell, Ina Gowell, Alberta Harriman, May E. Bailey, Inez M. Gowell, Alice Bowley, Ethel Newell, Frank Harriman, Arthur Bowley, Delma R. Small. Fall term: Georgia Gowell, Ina Gowell, Inez Gowell, Alice Bowley.

Mills school. Spring term: Birdina Gilman, Cleda N. Gilman, Julia E. Huntley, Flora A. Meader, Gracie E. Norris, Mattie C. Plimpton, Herbert C. Allen, Peter A. Allen, Lester A. Howard, Perley F. Nixon, Willie G. Nixon, Richard H. Norris, Bert D. Tucker. Fall term: \*Birdina Gilman, Cleda N. Gilman, Perley F. Nixon.

Brick school. Spring term: Herbert Libby, Perley Woodard, Willard Ashford, Lester Webber, Clifton H. Dustin, Edna Springer,

\*Not absent during the year.

Ethel Toulouse, Hazel L. Woodard. Fall term: Herbert B. Libby, Eddie C. Libby, Willie H. Baker, Willard B. Ashford, Genevieve M. Dustin. Winter term: \*Herbert B. Libby, \*Willard B. Ashford, Genevieve M. Dustin.

Farrin school. Spring term: Hattie M. Danforth, Mary L. Goodwin, Lizzie E. Larrabee, Bessie E. Babier, Lena A. Larrabee, Nettie F. Babier, Frances Larrabee, Everett I. Ricker, Elton F. Ricker, Charles H. Larrabee. Fall term: Lizzie Larrabee, Lena Larrabee, Everett Ricker. Winter term: Winfield Larrabee, Elton F. Ricker, \*\*Lizzie Larrabee, \*\*Lena Larrabee.

By consolidating our schools this year we have saved money enough to lengthen our school year six weeks, thereby giving us thirty weeks of school. Under the state law any school having an average of less than eight pupils during the year is discontinued. Several were discontinued last year, and the Grant has gone below that average this year. Your committee has no power to open any of these schools without a vote of the town. Eight schools were in session during the spring and fall, and seven in the winter. The pupils of the Berry district have been conveyed to Steventown during the year.

Your committee thought it not advisable to set up schools at the Earle and Cook, as there were not enough scholars to warrant an average of eight. Besides, all the pupils in the Earle and part of them in the Cook district were not an unreasonable distance from the schools. Some of the pupils in the Cook district have been conveyed to the Waterman school during the entire year. Others walked to the Brick, and during the spring term some were carried to the Steventown school. The committee hired your Superintendent to teach the Brick school and convey the pupils from the North Oak Hill and Hall districts. The South Oak Hill pupils were conveyed to Wales for the year. The Grant school was discontinued for the winter term and the pupils carried to the South school. The fall term of school at the Grant had to be closed on account of sickness. The winter term of the South school was lengthened one week to help make up to the Grant pupils the lost schooling.

\*Not absent during the year.

\*\* Missed only one day, and that was Feb. 14, a severe snow storm.

The locations of our school houses were established years ago under the old district system when a few families would make a school, therefore some school houses are unreasonably near together. For example, the Grant and the South buildings are less than a mile apart, and the Corner and Earle, also the Earle and Farrin, are about one mile apart. We find that if three years ago a school house had been built to take the place of the Grant, Brick and Cook, we should have saved something over \$800 in teachers' wages alone. Also a great saving could be made by consolidating the Earle and Hall. We think the tax-payers of this town ought to consider carefully the recommendations made by your S. S. Committee.

#### REPAIRS.

Amount raised by town.....		\$160 00
Received for shingles.....		1 50
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Total .....		101 50
Paid for shingles and nails.....	\$10 35	
Paint .....	10 00	
Labor.....	19 30	
Locks, etc.....	60	
Miscellaneous repairs.....	6 16	
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Balance unexpended...		\$55 09

We shingled one side of the Steventown school house and painted the Farrin one coat, besides some miscellaneous repairs. We have paint enough on hand to paint the Earle school house another coat. One side of the South school house needs shingling, and we urge again the necessity of having a book closet in each school building. We cannot hold teachers or pupils responsible for books so long as we fail to provide a place for their safe keeping.

#### TEXT BOOKS.

Amount raised by town.....	\$100 00
Received for old books.....	32 50
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	132 50

Paid Edw. E. Babb & Co.....	\$5 40	
American Book Co.....	27 02	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.....	2 68	
Rand McNally & Co.....	92 00	
D. H. Knowlton & Co.....	7 02	
Miscellaneous book.....	1 00	\$135 12
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Overdrawn .....		2 62

We have bought during the year 65 readers, 30 spellers, 10 large arithmetics, 70 large and 50 small geographies, and some miscellaneous books. We intended to introduce a work on civics, but could find none suitable. A work by State Supt. Stetson has just been published, which we think may meet our needs.

### CONVENTIONS.

To a progressive teacher there is no one thing that helps so much as the teachers' meetings. In the spring we united with Topsham and Bowdoin teachers and had an excellent meeting in the latter named town. In the fall and winter we had two local meetings. The conventions are a part of our school work and teachers ought to work and take the same interest in the conventions as in the regular school work.

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE OF MAINE.

Space does not permit us to explain this movement, but anyone interested may obtain pamphlets on the subject from W. W. Stetson, Augusta, Me. Much good will result if superintendent and teachers take an interest and determine that it shall be a success. The object is to get people interested in the schools, to provide books, pictures, etc., for the school room, to name the school building for some noted person, and to study the life and works of that person. Four leagues have been organized thus far, the Longfellow at the Brick, the Lowell at the Waterman, the Frances Willard at the South, and the Washington at the Mills.

### SCHOOL WORK.

In geography for the year we had all schools take the same work. In the spring term we took up North America, New England, Maine and Cuba, text books and map drawing. In the fall term we took up thirty-eight pages of text work also maps of Litchfield and Kennebec county with questions on the same. In the winter term we reviewed work on the maps of Litchfield and Kennebec county, took So. America in advance and reviewed other work. We offered a prize each term to the school doing the best map drawing and passing the best examination on work in geography. The S. S. committees were judges on map drawing. In the spring the South school took the prize; fall term, South and Farrin; winter term, not yet decided. Prizes to be given are globes and maps. We also offered a prize to the school having the best average attendance for the year. We took this method to encourage and stimulate the pupils, and to supply some much needed apparatus. The map drawing is of great value to our pupils. It not only indelibly fixes the map in their minds, but it teaches them to measure, to compute, to use a rule; it teaches them form, proportion, distance, direction; it teaches them to use the eye, the brain, the muscles; in fact it teaches them to do something for themselves and by themselves.

Near the end of the winter term we gave the following exercise in five of our schools. We wish each teacher would study the results carefully.

1. Write your name and age.
2. What do you study?
3. Did you and John go to school on——?  
Yes,——and——went to school on——.
4. Find the cost of 6 cwt. 37 lb. 10 oz. of sugar, at \$.005 per oz.
5. Bound Litchfield.

The above was given to all pupils above ten years of age. 42 pupils wrote the exercise. Question No. 1 was answered correctly by nearly all. No. 2 was punctuated rightly by 22 pupils, wrongly by 20. 17 answered the question in the form of a statement, 25 did not, and it is easy to draw conclusions when we find that 18 out the 25 were in two schools. 20 spelled all words in the answer correctly; 21 did not. Out of the 25 words misspelled, 15 were the word

"grammar." Question No. 3 was answered correctly by 22 pupils. It is encouraging and pleasing to find that 41 out of 42 got the capital letters all right in their answers. It is discouraging and not pleasing to note that only 1 out of 42 punctuated the answer correctly. Question No. 4 was attempted by 22 pupils. 14 got it right. 4 pupils, each 11 years of age, worked the example. 2 failed to get the right answer and 2 got it exactly right, one in the Waterman school and the other at the Mills. Question No. 5 was attempted by 32 pupils, 17 bounding our town correctly. The principal words misspelled were Gardiner and Bowdoin. We could write pages of interesting discoveries we have made by examining critically and impartially the work of the pupils obtained by the above simple exercise. We wish to commend the pupils on the neatness of their exercises, and improvement in penmanship.

We gave all pupils below 10 years of age a simple exercise in reading script, in writing, and in number work. We find that some pupils in the primer and first reader can read writing, write, and do number work in addition and subtraction, but they are few. We find altogether too many pupils in the 1st, 2d, 3d and even the 4th reader grades, who do not and cannot do enough work in this line.

We recommend that teachers use the Course of Study furnished them, do the work prescribed especially for the first year, and take a written examination on all the work accomplished every two weeks.

## WORK OF TEACHERS

All of our teachers have had more or less experience in teaching. Some have taught in town for years and always do good faithful work. The work of the younger teachers was very satisfactory. We have had no failures, but there is always a chance for improvement. None of us can teach so well but that we can improve if we have the ambition, vim, and determination to do better. If any teacher thinks there is no chance for improvement, she had better find some other business. On the whole our teachers are doing better work each succeeding year. Some are working harder and improving their methods faster than others, but the following indicates a better future for our schools. A majority of our teachers are reading edu-

ational papers, they are attending teachers' conventions, they are doing more general reading, they are studying nature some but not enough, they are teaching our pupils to read ideas not words, they are buying dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc., they are beginning to learn that they need tools to work with, and that it takes time and money to be a successful teacher. Our teachers are working less for show and more for results. They are making pupils do thorough work and more of it. A few are giving their pupils not only education of the brain, but of the eye, the ear, the hand and body; not only a mental and physical but also a psychical education.

### DUTIES OF S. S. COMMITTEE.

As some people do not understand the duties and powers of the S. S. Committee, we think it best to insert the following, taken from the report of the State Superintendent.

1. To examine, certificate and employ teachers.
2. To select and purchase text books, apparatus and appliances, and have care of the same.
3. To provide fuel and supplies for the schools.
4. To have the custody and care of school houses and superintendent authorized repairs.
5. To direct truant officers in the performance of their duties.
6. To determine what description of scholars shall attend each school, classify them and transfer them from school to school.
7. To suspend the operation of schools when the scholars to attend are too few for their profitable maintenance and to authorize the transportation of those scholars to other schools at the public expense.
8. To determine the number, beginning and length of school terms.
9. To dismiss teachers who prove unfit, or whose services they deem unprofitable.
10. To expel from the school obstinately disobedient pupils.
11. To recommend the abolition or change in the location of schools.
12. To approve plans for new school houses.
13. To fill vacancies in the school board and office of truant officer.

A superintendent of schools may teach in the town of which he is superintendent, provided he is examined, certificated and employed by the Superintending School Committee.

The first six powers and duties may be delegated to the superintendent of schools by vote of the S. S. Committee. The remainder must be attended to by the committee themselves.

Miss Fannie True was elected by the Committee to take Mr. Meriman's place. Her term of office expires with the next annual meeting, therefore it will be necessary to elect two members of the Committee.

### THOUGHTS.

Below are a few thoughts, some that have occurred to your Superintendent as he has watched the progress of our schools during the past year, and some taken from other sources. We hope they will be kindly taken as they are kindly given and be of value to some one.

Parents will visit schools when the teacher wills that they should.

"The school that does not make the indifferent in a community different, needs to be changed."

The mother who is "so glad when school begins" so she can get rid of the noise of the little ones, should remember that the teacher may have ten times as many to deal with. She should remember too that her children do not change materially on the way from home to the school house, and that possibly there may be another side to the sad story of what "teacher did" or "didn't do."

Having taught in town the past year, it is an established fact in your superintendent's mind that there are parents who take an interest in their children's school work and help them at home in their studies.

It is not the size, number or name of a book that makes the scholar, but what he knows about the book. Better to get one principle well than to have a superficial knowledge of a hundred.

The pupil receives the greatest benefit, not from what the teacher does for him, but from what the teacher makes him do for himself.

Some pupils have been to school very little the past year, not much over half the time; just enough to clear the law and truant officers. Parents are responsible.



The vote of your neighbor's boy brought up in ignorance will have the same face value as the vote of your own educated one. Moral : Educate your neighbor's boy.

As the teachers of this town and many that go to neighboring towns are students or graduates of Litchfield Academy, we think it would be of benefit to the students and an inducement for pupils to attend there, if there could be a course, or a lesson at least once a week, in Theory and Practice of Teaching.

Teachers very often teach their pupils falsehood, dishonesty and subterfuge by practicing what is not strictly honest. For instance, a pupil may, from some necessary cause, miss one day or a half day of the term and still have his name put in the report. He knows that the teacher wrote a falsehood. Again a teacher may assign certain examples to be worked or certain paragraphs to be read that the pupil has been drilled on for days, thereby thinking to deceive the superintendent or parents. The pupil may not realize that it is dishonest, but the seed of dishonesty is sown, nevertheless, and the harvest may be great.

## CONCLUSION.

The growth of our schools has been and must be gradual. Every occupation, every branch of industry, even methods in farming have changed in the short space of two or three decades. We cannot expect our schools to stand still. They must progress although we may be unconscious of the fact. Twenty-five years ago there was expended on our schools each year about \$2,400, over \$400 more than we have this year. Male teachers received on the average \$7.50 and female teachers \$3.00 per week excluding board. We had, it is true, about 160 more scholars than at present but we had only 15 weeks of school per year, one half of what we had this year.

We will leave each reader to draw his own conclusions. In many respects our pupils get a training now that they did not get twenty-five years ago. In other respects they got a training then that they do not get now.

In conclusion we wish to thank the S. S. Committee for the interest they have manifested and support they have given your superintendent in trying to raise the standard of our schools and to secure the greatest good for the greatest number.

In consolidating our schools we have done and have recommended only those things that would be for the best interests of the town, both financially and educationally, without gratifying the desires of any individual or clique of individuals opposing those interests.

We are pleased to meet some of the parents at the closing examinations. We wish to thank many citizens for their words of encouragement, also for criticism, etc., all of which if rightly given and rightly received may help a superintendent to do better work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. DUSTIN,

February, 20, 1899

Superintendent of Schools.

### REPORT OF BRICK SCHOOL.

The Superintendent of schools was hired to teach the school in what was formerly known as the Brick or Potter school house now named Longfellow. He managed this school with marked ability. During the first and second terms good improvement was made. At the close of the third term we found the teacher and scholars deeply interested in their work. We were pleased and surprised to see how much these scholars had learned and how thorough they were in what they had been taught. Could they have as good instruction in the future as they have had in the past year they would acquire a good practical education.

E. N. BAKER, Visiting Committee.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We herewith bring before you such recommendations and resolves as we think will lessen the cost of maintaining our schools, make them more effectual, stimulate and encourage our teachers to prepare themselves better for their work, and raise our schools to a higher standard.

We recommend that the S. S. Committee be instructed to sell the Patten and Hall school houses while they are in a condition to sell for something. They will soon be worthless. Also that the town take some action in regard to the North and South Oak Hill buildings, either to keep them in repair or to sell them.

We recommend that a new school house be built in a suitable location to take the place of the Cook, Grant and Brick buildings.

We recommend that the pupils residing between Mr. Gilpatrick's and Mr. Bowie's be put into the Corner school, and that the Earle school house be moved so as to accommodate the remainder of the Earle district, the Hall, and part of Oak Hill.

We resolve that each teacher holding a State certificate shall receive 25 cents per week in addition to the regular wages. Also that any teacher holding a certificate showing that she has attended a Summer School for Teachers during the summer of 1899, shall receive 25 cents per week additional wages during the remainder of the school year.

An examination of teachers will be held at the Brick school house Saturday, March 18th, at 9 a. m. All persons desiring to teach in town are requested to be present. Candidates will be examined in the following subjects as required by law: Reading, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, history, geography, civics, physiology, nature studies, and theory and practice of teaching. No postponement.

F. W. LIBBY,	}	S. S. Committee.
FANNIE TRUE,		
E. N. BAKER.		

Feb. 11, 1899.

## Town Warrant.

To ORRIN A. TRUE, Constable of the Town of Litchfield.

Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Litchfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1899, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Art 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To attend to the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Town Treasurer, Town Agent, Auditor of Accounts, Superintendent of Schools, School Committee and Road Commissioner and committee on Town Histories.
- Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor; a Town Treasurer; a Town Agent; a Committee or Auditor; a Collector of Taxes; one Superintendent School Committee for three years and one Superintendent School Committee for one year and a Superintendent of Schools; one or more Truant officers; a Road Commissioner; one or more Constables; Surveyers of wood and lumber; Fence viewers; Field drivers; a Pound keeper; a Sealer of weights and measures and all the other necessary officers, agents and committees.
- Art. 5. To vote a sum of money for Support of Schools. 1200
- Art. 6. To vote a sum of money for the purchase of School Books. 60
- Art. 7. To vote a sum of money for School Supplies. 75
- Art. 8. To vote a sum of money for repairs of school houses.
- Art. 9. To vote a sum of money for the Support of the Poor.
- Art 10. To vote a sum of money to pay part or all of the Town Debt.
- Art. 11. To vote a sum of money to pay interest on Town Debt. 140
- Art. 12. To vote a sum of money for Incidental Town Expenses. 1200
- Art. 13. To vote a sum of money for the repairs of Roads and Bridges. 1200

Art. 14. To vote a sum of money to pay the Snow Bills of 1898 to 1899. *715.00*

Art. 15. To vote a sum of money to be expended by Libby Post, No. 93, G. A. R., in proper observance of Memorial day.

Art. 16. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen and town Treasurer to hire money to pay indebtedness of town.

Art. 17. To see what action the town will take for the running and care of the Hearse.

Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in regard to establishing the pay of the superintendent of schools, the superintending school committee and road commissioner.

19. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house in a suitable location to take the place of the Brick, Grant and Cook, or act anything thereon.

20. To see if the town will vote to move the Earle school house, or act anything thereon.

21. To see if the town will vote to sell or repair any or all of the following named school houses: Patten, Hall, North Oak Hill and South Oak Hill.

22. To see if the town will vote to collect and put in safe keeping Maine Reports, Resolves, Digests Acts belonging to the town of Litchfield, or act anything thereon.

23. To see if the town will vote how many schools shall be maintained the coming year and where they shall be located, or act anything thereon.

24. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the Selectmen, town Treasurer and town Clerk.

25. To see if the town will vote to accept the road laid out around the Lunt hill by the Selectmen and raise money for the same.

26. To direct how the valuation of 1899 shall be taken.

27. To direct how future town meetings shall be called and what time in March, 1900, the next annual town meeting shall be held.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session on the day and at the place above named from nine till ten o'clock in the forenoon to receive evidence of qualification of voters.

Given under our hands at Litchfield this twenty-second day of February, A. D., 1899.

S. H. RING,	}	Selectmen of Litchfield.
JOHN PURINGTON,		
E. P. SPRINGER.		